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SUBJ: SOVIET VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

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1. INFO AVAILABLE HERE SUGGESTS WESTERN EMBASSIES VIEWING
SOVIET CELEBRATION WITH CONSIDERABLE RESERVE. APPARENTLY
AS RESULT INTERVENTION BY FRG AMBASSADOR, RUMORED RECEPTION
MAY 9 BY SSU (SUDAN SINGLE PARTY) TO MARK OCCASION WILL NOW
NOT TAKE PLACE. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI REPORTEDLY WAS ANNOYED
ON LEARNING OF PLANS BEING MADE BY LEFTISTS AMONG SSU
HIERARCHY. NEWLY-NAMED FRENCH AMBASSADOR UNDERSTOOD
TO BE POSTPONING HIS ARRIVAL UNTIL MAY 10 OR LATER.

2. APPARENTLY WITH FOREKNOWLEDGE PLANNED SSU FUNCTION,
SOVIET AMB HAS NOW ISSUED INVITATIONS FOR MAY 10 REPEAT 10
TO MARK "ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF HITLERITE
NAZISM." NOTING FRG PREPARED MOURN THE DEAD BUT NOT
CELEBRATE THE HOLOCAUST, FRG AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD ME HE
WILL NOT RESPOND AND WILL NOT ATTEND. BRITISH CHARGE
PREPARED TO MAKE BRIEF APPEARANCE BUT PLANS LEAVE BEFORE
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ANY POSSIBLY EMBARRASSING SPEECHES. FRENCH CHARGE HAS

BEEN INSTRUCTED ACT WITH GREATEST PRUDENCE AND ONLY
ACCEPT SOVIET INVITATION AFTER CONSULTATIONS.

3. IN LIGHT (A) CANCELLATION SSU FUNCTION; (B) FACT LOCAL
SOVIET RECEPTION HARDLY "COMMEMORATIVE
EFFORT" (PARA 5 REFTEL) OF TYPE WE WOULD ARRANGE ON SUCH
OCCASION; AND (C) FRG AMBASSADOR'S ATTITUDE OF NON-ATTENDANCE
AT SOVIET RECEPTION, WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE
WHETHER ATTENDANCE BY MYSELF AND/OR AN EMBASSY
REPRESENTATIVE AT MAY 10 SOVIET RECEPTION WOULD BE
CONSISTENT WITH REFTEL RUBRIC OF AVOIDING OFFENSE TO
FRG. HAVE AGREED CONSULT FURTHER WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH
CHARGES FOLLOWING DEPT'S RESPONSE.
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